

a material for placement within the area of the containment rails, the material to absorb the spilled hazardous substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced.

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~~56.~~ (New) The battery spill containment system of claim <sup>56</sup>~~55~~ wherein the containment rail system is coated with a coating to protect the containment rail system from the spilled substance.

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~~57.~~ (New) The battery spill containment system of claim <sup>57</sup>~~56~~ wherein the coating includes epoxy.

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~~58.~~ (New) The battery spill containment system of claim <sup>58</sup>~~57~~ wherein the dimensions of the containment rail system are adjustable.

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~~59.~~ (New) The battery spill containment system of claim <sup>59</sup>~~58~~ wherein the material chemically neutralizes the spilled hazardous substance from the battery.

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~~60.~~ (New) The battery spill containment system of claim <sup>60</sup>~~59~~ wherein the liner is fabricated at least partially out of polyvinylchloride.

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~~61.~~ (New) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the material absorbs the spilled substance from the battery.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-61 inclusive are now pending in this application. Applicant amended claim 1 and added claims 33-61. Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over the prior art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully seeks an early allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, he is invited to call the undersigned at his convenience.

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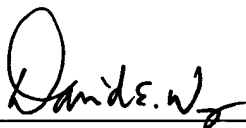
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made." Also enclosed are replacement pages 26-39 of the Claims and Abstract, containing the amended and new claims.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

1. (Twice Amended) A spill containment system for containing a hazardous spilled substance from a battery, the spill containment system comprising:
  - a containment rail system ~~defining~~ to define an area for housing at least one battery;
  - a liner ~~placed within~~ for placement in the area defined by the containment rail system, the liner being resistant to damage from the spilled substance; and
  - a material ~~placed within~~ for placement in the area of the containment rail system, the material ~~absorbing and chemically neutralizing~~ to chemically neutralize the spilled substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced.
3. (Twice Amended) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the containment rail system is coated with polyvinylchloride.
33. (New) A spill containment system for containing a hazardous spilled substance from a battery, the spill containment system comprising:
  - a plurality of containment rails to define an area for housing at least one battery;
  - a coating in the area defined by the containment rails, the coating to protect the area from the spilled substance; and
  - a material for placement within the area of the containment rails, the material to absorb and chemically neutralize the spilled substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced.
34. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 wherein the plurality of containment rails are coated with the coating to protect the containment rails from the spilled substance.
35. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 wherein the coating includes epoxy.
36. (New) The spill containment system of claim 35 wherein the plurality of containment rails are coated with the coating to protect the containment rails from the spilled substance.



37. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 wherein the plurality of containment rails are coated with polyvinylchloride.

38. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 wherein the dimensions of the containment rails are adjustable.

39. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 wherein at least one of the plurality of the containment rails is invertible between a first and second configuration such that in the first configuration, the exterior surfaces of the containment rail have no protruding structures and in the second configuration, the exterior surfaces of the containment rail have protruding structures.

40. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 further comprising a liner for placement within the area defined by the plurality of containment rails, the liner being resistant to damage from the spilled substance.

41. (New) The spill containment system of claim 40 wherein the liner is fabricated at least partially out of polyvinylchloride.

42. (New) The spill containment system of claim 33 wherein the coating is a liquid when the coating is applied to the area defined by the containment rails and after time, the coating dries into a solid.

43. (New) The spill containment system of claim 42 wherein the coating includes epoxy:

44. (New) A battery spill containment system comprising:  
a plurality of containment rails to define an area for housing at least one battery;  
a coating in the area defined by the containment rails, the coating to protect the area from a spilled substance from the battery; and



a material for placement within the area of the containment rails, the material to absorb the spilled hazardous substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced.

45. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein the plurality of containment rails are coated with the coating to protect the containment rails from the spilled substance.

46. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein the coating includes epoxy.

47. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 46 wherein the plurality of containment rails are coated with the coating to protect the containment rails from the spilled substance.

48. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein the plurality of containment rails are coated with polyvinylchloride.

49. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein the dimensions of the containment rails are adjustable.

50. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein at least one of the plurality of the containment rails is invertible between a first and second configuration such that in the first configuration, the exterior surfaces of the containment rail have no protruding structures and in the second configuration, the exterior surfaces of the containment rail have protruding structures.

51. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 further comprising a liner placed within the area defined by the plurality of containment rails, the liner being resistant to damage from the spilled substance.

52. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 51 wherein the liner is fabricated at least partially out of polyvinylchloride.

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53. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein the coating is a liquid when the coating is applied to the area defined by the containment rails and after time, the coating dries into a solid.
54. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 44 wherein the material chemically neutralizes the spilled hazardous substance from the battery.
55. (New) A battery spill containment system comprising:  
a containment rail system to define an area for housing at least one battery;  
a liner placed within the area defined by the containment rail system, the liner being resistant to damage from a spilled substance from the battery; and  
a material for placement within the area of the containment rails, the material to absorb the spilled hazardous substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material structures is reduced.
56. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 55 wherein the containment rail system is coated with a coating to protect the containment rail system from the spilled substance.
57. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 56 wherein the coating includes epoxy.
58. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 55 wherein the dimensions of the containment rail system are adjustable.
59. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 55 wherein the material chemically neutralizes the spilled hazardous substance from the battery.
60. (New) The battery spill containment system of claim 55 wherein the liner is fabricated at least partially out of polyvinylchloride.



61. (New) The spill containment system of claim 1 wherein the material absorbs the spilled substance from the battery.

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